

# **COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

For the meeting of: 6/24/2025

File #: 25-762

**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** DHHS: Social Services

**Agenda Section:** Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

#### SUBJECT:

Professional Services Agreement with Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA) Regarding the Provision of Supportive Services to Emancipated and Former Foster Youth Residing in Humboldt County as Part of the Transitional Housing Program-Plus in the Amount of \$728,094.24

### **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached professional services agreement with RCAA regarding the provision of supportive services to emancipated and former foster youth residing in Humboldt County as part of the Transitional Housing Program-Plus in an amount not to exceed \$728,094.24 for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028; and
- 2. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Child Welfare Services Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached professional services agreement with RCAA, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office; and
- 3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one (1) fully executed original copy of the attached professional services agreement with RCAA to the DHHS Contract Unit for further processing.

### STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Core Services/Other

Strategic Plan Category: 9999 - Core Services/Other

### **DISCUSSION:**

RCAA is currently permitted to utilize several Transitional Housing Program-Plus housing models, including, without limitation, single -site transitional, scattered-site transitional, scattered-site permanent and host home models, to provide supportive services to emancipated and former foster care youth, between 18 to 25 years of age, that are designed to reduce homelessness by providing support in finding and maintaining safe and affordable housing.

The Humboldt County DHHS - Child Welfare Services has previously contracted with RCAA regarding the provision of supportive services to emancipated and former foster youth residing in Humboldt County on numerous occasions. On each occasion, RCAA has demonstrated expertise in providing a full range of supportive services, including, without limitation: case management; crisis intervention; behavioral and physical health care; employment training; educational advocacy; mentoring; relationship building; permanency, self-sufficiency, parenting and tenant rights education and aftercare services. The attached professional services agreement will allow eligible youth residing in Humboldt County to receive supportive services from RCAA as part of the Transitional

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Housing Program-Plus program for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028.

Accordingly, DHHS - Child Welfare Services recommends that your Board approve and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached professional services agreement with RCAA regarding the provision of supportive services to emancipated and former foster youth residing in Humboldt County as part of the Transitional Housing Program-Plus program for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028. It is also recommended that your Board authorize the DHHS - Child Welfare Services Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached professional services agreement with RCAA, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office, in order to avoid any unnecessary delays in the provision of needed supportive services.

#### **SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Social Services Fund 1110-518

#### FINANCIAI IMPACT:

Expenditures (Fund, Budget Unit)	FY25-26 Projected*	FY26-27 Projected*	FY27-28 Projected*
Budgeted Expenses	\$242.698.08	\$242.698.08	\$242.698.08
Total Expenditures	\$242.698.08	\$242.698.08	\$242.698.08

<sup>\*</sup>Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.

Funding Sources (Fund, Budget Unit)	FY25-26 Projected*	FY26-27 Projected*	FY27-28 Projected*
State/Federal Funds	\$242.698.08	\$242.698.08	\$242.698.08
Total Funding Sources	\$242.698.08	\$242.698.08	\$242.698.08

<sup>\*</sup>Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.

#### Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

The attached professional services agreement with RCAA has a maximum amount payable of Seven Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Ninety-Four Dollars and Twenty-Four Cents (\$728,094.24) for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028. In no event shall the maximum amount paid under the attached professional services agreement with RCAA exceed \$242,698.08 per fiscal year (FY) for FYs 2025-26 through 2027-28. However, in the event local, state or federal funding is reduced or eliminated, the County of Humboldt may reduce the total maximum amount payable or terminate the attached professional services agreement with RCAA in its entirety.

Expenditure appropriations related to the attached professional services agreement with RCAA have been included in the proposed FY 2025-26 for DHHS - Social Services budget for Foster Care (1110-518). Funding for the attached professional services agreement with RCAA is available through state realignment revenues received by DHHS - Child Welfare Services.

#### STAFFING IMPACT:

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impact:

Approval of the attached professional services agreement with RCAA will not impact current staffing levels.

### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

#### **ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Your Board may choose not to approve the attached professional services agreement with RCAA regarding the provision of supportive services to emancipated and former foster youth residing in Humboldt County as part of the Transitional Housing Program-Plus program. However, this alternative is not recommended as it will limit DHHS - Child Welfare Services' ability to provide needed supportive services to emancipated and former foster youth residing in Humboldt County.

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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Professional Services Agreement with RCAA Regarding the Provision of Supportive Services to Emancipated and Former Foster Youth Residing in Humboldt County as Part of the Transitional Housing Program-Plus.

## PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: 10/6/09, 6/22/10, 5/22/12, 6/24/14, 12/12/17, 7/20/21, 4/18/2023

File No.: 16-6418, 16-5369, 16-2661, 14-0445, 17-2680, 21-937, 23-439